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THE CLASSICS AGAIN.

The editorial heart is just now filled with sympathy for Calvin Coolidge. You may not recall the name. Calvin occupies the august position of vice-president of the United States, due to the grace of the Almighty and the republican landslide of November 2, 1920. At that time his name was on every tongue and with his running mate, he occupied the front page of every (Republican, at least) newspaper in the country.

The lot of a vice president of these United States is not a pleasant one. He is chosen, in the first place, because the electoral votes of his home state may be needed, or because he has some personal popularity that may be of assistance to the party which hopes to save the nation for four years. Once the ticket is elected, and the vice president immediately drops off the front page and out of sight. True, he is the presiding officer of the senate, but he has little to do save remark, from time to time, that the gentleman from Virginia has the floor. Of course, if the president should become seriously ill, the vice president will get back on the front page, and the newspapers will dig up his photograph and print it when news is shy, but ten chances to one the girl who keeps the morgue will dig up the wrong picture and nobody will ever know the difference. If the president should die—but that happens only once in a century. The vice president usually becomes resigned to being a nonentity.

Mr. Coolidge, however, has made a new vice presidential record. Here it is fully four months since he assumed office, and he's back on the front page. It's only for a brief instant, but how heavenly it must seem. Mr. Coolidge delivered an address before the classical league at the University of Pennsylvania and a reporter happened to be there.

It was a typical vice presidential address. The vice president is not allowed to speak on political problems, for he isn't supposed to know anything about the intentions of the administration. He has no authority, and no vote, so his views are not as important as those of the senator from the smallest state. Mr. Coolidge, who once throttled a policeman's strike in Boston without assistance, spoke on "Retaining the Classics." He told the society that: "Education is primarily a means of establishing ideals. It is the ancient classics," he declared, "that inspire the ideals toward which all men and nations are training today. The most pressing requirement of the present hour is not how are we to solve our economic problems, but where are we to find the sustaining influences for the realities of life? The progress of the present era gives no new answers to these problems. There are no examples of heroism which outrival Leonidas at Thermopylae, or Horatius at the bridge." And so Mr. Coolidge goes on, probably for a couple of hours.

If the vice president, really were a commanding figure in American life, it might be worth while to tell him a few incidents of the great war, which would make the exploits of Horatius and Leonidas look as inconsequential as the return of a patrol from an uneventful trip in No Man's Land. Mr. Coolidge felt the urge to say something that would make a hit with somebody, and probably the members of the classical society appreciated this piffle.

Ten or fifteen years ago, debating societies in country school districts used to thresh out such weighty problems as the value of the classics, along with deciding whether the automobile would supplant the horse. Nowadays, the divinity which surrounds the classics has largely disappeared. Eminent professors will urge that Greek and Latin be studied as an aid to mental development and a better understanding of our own language. But, when all is said and done, the classics are only literature in the primitive—interesting because of their antiquity, valuable to the student who yearns to know about word derivations—but a beastly bore to read and a weariness to the flesh. Mr. Coolidge comes from Boston. Hereafter let there be no question raised as to the culture of that sacred city.

THREE CHEERS.

Three cheers for the railroads! It does us good to feel kindly toward them again, if only for a moment. All

of us have taken turns cussing them, every time someone raised prices on us 25 per cent when the railroads got a 10 per cent increase in rates. The railroad heads have shown that they have a heart—and it is a good sight for tired and weary eyes.

The roads have authorized low round trip rates—1 cent a mile, plus the war tax, of course—have been granted to civil war veterans and their wives to enable them to attend the G. A. R. reunion at Indianapolis this year. It's a fine thing to do, as anyone will testify who has ever talked with a civil war veteran who has attended one of these reunions. In fact, it gives them so much pleasure and gratification that we are moved to wonder why the railroads didn't show real generosity, instead of a trace of it, and extend the same low rate privilege to the members of the W. R. C., the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Sons of Veterans. It means so little to the roads—so much to the members of these societies, who, with little encouragement, small funds and unbounded enthusiasm have carried high the torch of patriotism since the civil war.

We suppose it isn't legal, and there is no way that it could be done, but somehow we wish that the state or the government could step in and pay the way of every single one of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. to that reunion, as well as of every civil war soldier who is alive and able to go. Fine people, every one of them—the salt of this earth. Ten or fifteen years from now and there'll be mighty few of them left. The ranks are getting thinner. There is a pathetic attempt to keep the women's organizations going by getting new and younger blood into them, but the organizations will, in all probability, die when the older women pass on. It would be so little to do for those who have done so much for us.

In 1920, the G. A. R. had shrunk in size from four hundred thousand to one hundred thousand. They are going to keep on meeting so long as a single member survives. Before it is too late, some means should be devised to let every one of these veterans who is able attend this annual reunion at no expense to himself. They aren't asking for anything, which is all the more reason they should have some recognition. Or is that pretty phrase about the "gratitude of republics" mere breath?

THE ILLINOIS MIXUP.

Illinois is faced with a peculiar problem. Governor Small has been indicted on an embezzlement charge, and refuses to permit himself to be arrested. He has called out the state troops to protect him, and the courts are due to hand down a decision in the case today.

Governor Small was at one time the Illinois state treasurer, and is charged that state funds were deposited in friendly banks, which paid the state 2 per cent interest and loaned the money out at 6 or 7 per cent, the political machine taking the difference.

The governor claims that his position renders him immune from arrest, and holds that he is entitled to serve out the remainder of his term. He may be able to get away with it. His nerve is sublime, in any event. There have been parallel cases, in one instance a mayor of a western city refused to resign, even when he was serving a penitentiary sentence after conviction on a graft charge.



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A Significant Meeting.

At the meeting of the Fairview local of the Farmers' Union last Friday evening the question of threshing prices was discussed.

Many believed that the threshing machine operators had set the price too high and after some discussion, four cents for oats, six for wheat and seven for rye, the farmer paying for the fuel was decided upon as being more nearly fair, than the five, eight and nine cents fixed by the threshing machine operators. We do not propose to say which is the right price, but we are sure that if the farmers stand together and do a little more of the same kind of work he will make it mighty uncomfortable for a whole lot of fellows.

It might be well for some good threshing to look up this community as there is some mighty good grain here this year.

Ice cream and cake was served during the social hour and for once the genial face of the secretary looked troubled as he was short on ice cream. The next time he wants a crowd he is going to let the farmers know that they are going to set the price of wheat. Why not?

POINT OF ROCK CREEK

O. F. Hershman was a business caller in this vicinity one day last week.

Mrs. Bernice Nichols is on the sick list.

Mr. Beal, engineer for Trine threshing outfit left for Sidney Friday to work for the White Truck Co.

Mr. Sapp has taken Br. Beal's place as engineer with the Trine threshing outfit.

Ernie Wienell, Elmer Essex, Earl Essex were callers at the Essex camp north of Bill Johnson's Thursday.

It was a mistake that we couldn't get central because some had not paid their dues, the cause being wires burned out at the telephone office.

Elmer and Ernie Essex starts the Burke hay Monday.

Arthur and Richard Denton is down

from Sioux county, taking in the carnival Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Vaughn visited with Mrs. Langford Sunday.

George Roch and two sons are hauling grain for McCorkle with teams near the Fowling postoffice.

Ira Duskin was over in this vicinity Sunday hunting for help for threshing.

Merl Byers of Minatare stayed over Sunday with the Sore boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Colerick of Berea attended the ball game at Nichol's.

John Schwaderer took dinner, with Arthur Lore Sunday.

Frank Vaughan's crop was struck quite bad with hail; now grasshoppers are eating his oats.

A. L. Lore called at F. Trines Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Able from Hemingford was callers at Lore's Sunday afternoon and was out sight-seeing at the same time, looking at the new threshing machine, which cuts and threshes at the same time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Worley visited some friends near Hemingford Sunday.

Land Agent Ball was out in Point of Rock vicinity Sunday afternoon.

W. M. Johnson was around collecting last Thursday for telephone fees.

Several trucks are hauling grain from the McCorkle fields to Alliance.

Misses Nippers and Mike and Joe Sherlock attended the ball game.

Mrs. Blanche Hoover, Bell Garrett, Frank Ronsdale of South Snake creek attended the ball game Sunday at Nichol's.

Miss Iva Wilkin called at the Essex home Sunday afternoon.

Earl Essex had a break down with

his car, smashing a front wheel of his

ford, but he looked around and found a cultivator wheel and went on as well as though it had been a new wheel.

William Essex stayed over Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Iva Brekkie, in Alliance.

J. W. Guthrie and his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kelly of Carroll, Ia., who arrived here Saturday and Mrs. C. C. Calkins and son, Charles, and Mrs. Pauline Conalson of Dubuque, Ia., left Monday morning overland for Cheyenne to attend the Frontier days celebration. They will return by the way of Denver.

Miss Avis Joder and Miss Edna Benedict motored to Berea Saturday and spent Sunday with Miss Benedict's sister, Mrs. Harry Loomis.

Don't Dodge the Police

The state automobile lens law went into effect this morning. If your car isn't equipped with legal lenses, save yourself the unpleasant experience of being called down by the cops, or subjecting yourself to a fine of from \$10 to \$50. The police intend to enforce the law strictly—the easiest way is to get legal lenses.

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